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Subject: Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the SEMPRA Fiber Optic Cable Installation & Telecommunications Program.
(CPUC File No. A-00-02-020 & SCIT No. 2002042114)

General Location: Primarily Urbanized Areas throughout 15 Counties in California, including the San Ramon Area *(not yet site specific)*

Dear Mr. Boccio:

Thank you for referring the above-mentioned project to the City of San Ramon for comment. The general project location encompasses many urban areas within the State of California, including the San Ramon area. Therefore, we have reviewed the Draft Program EIR for compliance with San Ramon policies and ordinances.

We understand that given the non-specific nature of the project, the objective of the Program EIR is to establish a process for implementing mitigation measures, related monitoring, and performance standards for future site specific telecommunications projects, networks or systems. These future projects may include fiber optic cables and related facilities, open trench, plows, above ground structures, and attachments to transmission towers; all of which would be subject to the subsequent review and permitting processes of local agencies.

Mitigation Measures AES-2a and IUP-1a state that the applicant shall comply with local regulations, plans and policies; and that all projects shall restore areas disturbed by construction to their pre-project condition. Please be advised that in addition to local land use and zoning requirements, which includes the City of San Ramon Telecommunications Ordinance (currently underway), site specific proposals may be subject to encroachment permits, grading permits, building permits, or any other applicable local permit or process.

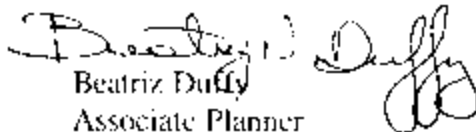
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We recommend that the applicant establish contact with the City of San Ramon Development Services Department as soon as feasible to ensure that all planning, engineering and building requirements are discussed and addressed early in the design process. Early local involvement could facilitate the process as site specific permitting requirements could ultimately affect site selection for the SEMPRA telecommunications infrastructure.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review this project as well as future site-specific proposals within the City of San Ramon and/or our Sphere of Influence. If you would like to discuss the comments on this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at (925) 973-2572 or via email at bduffy@sanramon.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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J-1 Comment noted. The text in the EIR on page 4.9-21 under **Impact LUP-1**, will be revised to include read the following:

“Sempra Communications would be required to obtain encroachment permits to work on public roadway rights-of-way and cross railroad lines and highways, and would obtain any land use permits (e.g., conditional use permits), encroachment permits, grading permits, building permits, or any other applicable local permit or process to comply with local regulations governing land use.”

J-2 Comment noted.